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NEWS



Annual drinking water report now available online

Published each June, the City of Plymouth annual drinking water report is now available to view online. Like past years, Plymouth's water met or surpassed all 2024 state and federal water quality testing, regulations and requirements. The report contains monitoring results from previous year(s).

City of Plymouth water is tested weekly by an independent, state-certified laboratory. Results are submitted to the Minnesota Department of Health. Plymouth's water is regularly tested for more than 100 contaminants, such as bacteria, nitrates, pesticides, solvents and metals. Water is also tested multiple times per day for appropriate chemical levels and water quality. View the report at plymouthmn.gov/waterreport.

The public may download the water report, or request a paper copy by calling 763-509-5000 and arranging to pick it up during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday) at Plymouth City Hall, 3400 Plymouth Blvd.

Community survey slated for mailboxes later this year

To collect community feedback and gauge city service satisfaction, the City of Plymouth is set to conduct a community survey later this year.

In the coming months, residents may receive a randomized mailed survey to complete, which asks questions regarding quality of life, public safety, customer satisfaction and more. Those who receive the mailing are asked to complete it following the instructions included. Those who do not receive the mailing will have the opportunity to complete the survey online. More information will be shared when available.

Community surveys are typically completed every three years in Plymouth, most recently in 2022. To view previous years' survey results and learn more, visit plymouthmn.gov/survey.

Kids Fest is Thursday, Aug. 21

Kids Fest is set for 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21 at the Hilde Performance Center, 3500 Plymouth Blvd. The free event features stage entertainment, a STEAM Zone (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math), sponsor activities, face painting, balloons, inflatables, bounce houses and more. Attendees should bring money for food trucks and concessions.

Music in Plymouth brings entertainment and fun July 2

Plymouth's signature summer event, Music in Plymouth returns for the 53rd year Wednesday, July 2 at the Hilde Performance Center, 3500 Plymouth Blvd.

Presented by the Plymouth Civic League and City of Plymouth, the event begins at 5:30 p.m. and offers food, fun and entertainment – featuring a performance by the Minnesota Orchestra.

Music in Plymouth Lineup

Music in Plymouth begins with a welcome, followed by performances featuring Pan-Handlers Steel Drum Band, Los Alegres Bailadores and Jennifer Grimm. Musicians and roving entertainers will also perform around the grounds of the Hilde, and a variety of children's activities will be available throughout the evening.

After the opening lineup, the Minnesota Orchestra will perform classic and modern scores leading up to the grand finale – a spectacular fireworks display. Community members should bring money for a variety of food trucks and



Music in Plymouth is set for Wednesday, July 2 at the Hilde Performance Center, featuring the Minnesota Orchestra.

concessions. Attendees may bring picnic suppers, and blankets/chairs for seating.

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The Station 73 TRIP project is underway on Highway 55

The area around Highway 55 and County Road 73 in Plymouth is set to undergo a major transformation as the Station 73 TRIP project continues.

Highway 55 closed in both directions between Revere Lane and West Medicine Lake Boulevard in mid-June and is set to reopen this fall.

Motorists traveling through the area have been detoured to Interstate 494, Interstate 394 and Highway 169. Access to adjacent businesses and residential areas has been maintained – residents and local traffic may use service roads and alternate routes where necessary.

The City of Plymouth has partnered with Hennepin County, Three Rivers Park District, the Metropolitan Council and the Minnesota Department of Transportation to complete the project, which is slated to continue through fall 2026.

As the project progresses, lane closures, full closures and detours may continue to occur. The Station 73 TRIP project includes regionally impactful improvements that will increase safety and mobility for pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit users.



Motorists have been detoured to Interstate 494, Interstate 394 and Highway 169 due to the Station 73 TRIP Project.

Those with questions or concerns may reach out via the project hotline and project email address at 763-251-1010 or info@station73trip.com.

Learn more about the project and sign up for notifications at plymouthmn.gov/station73trip.

Give input about 'animal parade' art slated for Plymouth City Center

With the redesign of Plymouth Boulevard in the rearview, the City of Plymouth is shifting the focus to new landscaping, signage and public art in Plymouth City Center – and seeks community input about a collection of "animal parade" art sculptures slated for installation.

Designed to delight residents and visitors, and foster a community gathering space teeming with photo opportunities, the proposed "animal parade" is a series of four or five giant animal-shaped geometric steel figures slated for installation next summer at the entrance of the Hilde Performance Center. A collection by artist Kirk Seese, the animal parade was selected and commissioned in partnership with the Plymouth Arts Council.

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Hennepin County Sheriff's Office opens new facility in Plymouth

The Hennepin County Sheriff's Office recently cut the ribbon at its new Public Safety Services Headquarters near Parkers Lake in Plymouth, at 1345 Shenandoah Lane N.

Located next to the existing County Adult Corrections Facility, the new 100,000-square-foot facility houses the Enforcement Division, armory and storage for more than 115 vehicles. The new facility in Plymouth replaces the former Enforcement Division building in Brooklyn Park.

Due to the new location, Plymouth residents may notice an increase in Sheriff's Office vehicles in the city as they travel to various locations around the county with Plymouth as the center of operations. While the move to Plymouth will increase visibility of county law enforcement, the



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Plymouth Police Department remains the agency in charge of patrolling the city.



City of Plymouth provides safety reminders, laws for ebike users

As the use of electric-assisted bikes (ebikes) increases, the City of Plymouth reminds riders to prioritize safety, use good trail etiquette, and stay informed about laws and guidelines.

According to Minnesota State Statute 169.222, ebikes can typically be used wherever traditional bikes are allowed, as long as they meet the following requirements:

- Must have two or three wheels, a saddle (seat) and fully operable pedals
- Riders must be age 15 or older to operate an ebike
- Must meet one of the following electric-assist bicycle class requirements:
 - o Class 1 An electric assist up to 20 mph with no throttle
 - o Class 2 An electric assist up to 20 mph with a throttle
 - o Class 3 An electric assist up to 28 mph with no throttle
- Electric motors must be 750 watts or less

 Riders may not modify an ebike to change the speed capability/speed limit control so that it no longer meets its labeled class requirements

Below are a few other general reminders for ebike users:

- Use safe speeds slow down around curves and hills
- Yield to other trail users slow down when approaching others, and give pedestrians and slower trail users the right of way, especially in crosswalks
- Practice good trail etiquette Always pass on the left and give an audible signal (e.g., "Passing on your left!") prior to passing
- Wear a bicycle helmet and other safety gear

"Many of our trails were designed for slower speeds, and have hills and curves that limit visibility for ebike users traveling at faster speeds," said Plymouth Public Safety Director Erik Fadden. "In addition to bikers, our trails are used by walkers, runners, little kids on scooters and bikes, people with dogs, and parents pushing baby strollers. We're asking ebike riders to slow down and practice good trail etiquette to ensure the trails are safer for all users."

Plymouth offers opportunity for youth to 'explore' careers in law enforcement

The Plymouth Police Department is accepting applications for Police Explorers – a program that offers youth ages 14 to 20 an opportunity to explore a career in law enforcement while gaining hands-on experience and professional mentorship.

Participants receive instruction from active Plymouth police officers and get an inside look at the responsibilities, challenges and decision-making involved in police work.

The program includes both classroom learning and practical exercises in areas such as domestic intervention, crime scene search, crash investigation, hostage negotiation, traffic stops

and more. Explorers also learn essential skills like first aid, firearm safety and crime prevention.

Participants meet weekly during the school year at the Plymouth Public Safety Building, 3400 Plymouth Blvd., and are expected to maintain consistent attendance. Explorers may also participate in summer activities.

Applications are accepted year-round; most new members start in September. To apply, visit plymouthmn.gov/explorers or stop by the Plymouth Public Safety Building. Applications can also be requested by emailing volunteer@plymouthmn.gov.



Below are upcoming volunteer opportunities:

- Adopt a Spot See what areas of the city are available for groups or businesses to adopt by visiting plymouthmn.gov/adoptaspot.
- Art Ambassador Greet visitors and answer questions about art exhibits at the Plymouth Community Center. Must be age 16 or older.
- Native Plant Garden Club Weed the pollinator garden at Fazendin Park:
 - o Tuesday, July 8
 - o Friday, July 11
 - o Tuesday, July 22
 - o Friday, July 25
 - o Tuesday, Aug. 12
 - o Friday, Aug. 15
- Millennium Garden Work Sessions Weed, deadhead and prune during staff-led events on Tuesday, July 8 and Tuesday, Aug. 12.

To find out more about these and other opportunities, visit plymouthmn.gov/volunteer or call 763-509-5230.



Matt Nowakowski sits near a delivery of flowers.

Volunteer Matt Nowakowski shares Master Gardener skills

As a volunteer, Matt is able to share his passion for all things horticulture through volunteering with the City of Plymouth. As a Master Gardener, he helped lead the West Medicine Lake Park garlic mustard pull. And, as a skilled photographer, he helps capture photos of city events.

Matt said: "We moved to Plymouth from Wisconsin after graduate school 25 years ago and purchased the 'starter' house we never left. The City of Plymouth volunteer group offers many unique ways to offer your time and talents to give back to this amazing place that has become our home."

Because Matt volunteers, the City of Plymouth can keep gardens looking beautiful for all residents to enjoy.

To join the rewarding work of gardening, and to see which gardens are available to adopt, visit plymouthmn.gov/adoptaspot or contact volunteer@plymouthmn.gov.

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Reserving Spots, Free Shuttle

Due to extensive underground wiring and sprinkling systems at the Hilde, staking and roping off seating areas is strictly prohibited. Those attending Music in Plymouth may not place blankets, chairs or tarps on the grounds until after 7 a.m. the morning of the event. Clear tarps are not permitted as they may burn the grass.

Plymouth Metrolink will shuttle attendees to the event at no cost from two park-and-ride locations – Wayzata High School (4955 Peony Lane N.) and the Plymouth Community Center (14800 34th Ave. N.). Shuttle service will be available from 5-11:30 p.m.

The Plymouth Civic League presents the free event with the support of the City of Plymouth, businesses and residents. Those interested can help support the event through a tax-deductible donation. For details, visit musicinplymouth.org.



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Each animal will be painted a bright color – purple, teal, orange, pink, yellow or grey – from the branding palette for Hello! Plymouth, the city's destination marketing organization tasked with attracting visitors to Plymouth.

Meet the Artist, Give Feedback

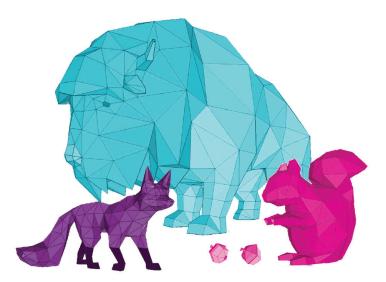
Community members are invited to meet Seese, ask questions, give input on the proposed sculptures and cast a vote for which animals should be included in the final installation during the following events:

- Gathering Our Acorns: Public Art Community Workshop – 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 1 at the Plymouth Community Center, 14800 34th Ave. N. Attendees may also create paper sculpture acorns with Seese.
- Plymouth Farmers Market 2:30-4 p.m. Wednesday, July 2 at Parkers Lake Playfield, 15500 County Road 6.
- Music in Plymouth 5:30-10 p.m. Wednesday, July 2 at the Hilde Performance Center, 3500 Plymouth Blvd.

Community members may also share feedback and vote for animals online July 1-18 at plymouthmn.gov/citycenter.

New Landscaping, Signage

New landscaping will be completed along Plymouth Boulevard this fall. In the meantime, crews have mowed weeds and installed a temporary annual rye treatment to prevent soil erosion. Landscaping will include drought- and



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salt-tolerant plants well suited for roadways, similar to those planted along Vicksburg Lane. New signage is slated for installation in fall or spring.

Reimagining Plymouth City Center

Plans for new landscaping, signage and public art along Plymouth Boulevard are designed to help create a sense of place, beautify the streetscape and draw residents and visitors to the area.

These efforts move Plymouth closer to realizing the City Council's long-term plan to revitalize Plymouth City Center and cultivate a vibrant, walkable downtown. For details, visit plymouthmn.gov/citycenter.

Plymouth spotlights business news

Asian Duck has returned to Plymouth. A restaurant that offers flavors from Southeast Asia with Lao cuisine and Thai dishes, Asian Duck's new location is in Plymouth City Center at 3500 Vicksburg Lane N., Suite 700.

Buffalo Wild Wings GO opened at 4345 Nathan Lane N. The new location offers a Buffalo Wild Wings menu focused on delivery or take out, allowing customers to order ahead online or through an app.

Plymouth Halal Market recently opened at 15705 35th Ave. N. The market offers halal meat from local farms; a variety of spices; groceries used in Middle Eastern, South Asian and African cuisine; as well as coffee, tea, smoothies and more.

TOUS les JOURS, 4130 Berkshire Lane N., opened this spring. The bakery specializes in French-Asian inspired baked goods, handcrafted beverages, coffee and espresso.



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IN BRIEF

Photo Contest – The annual Picture Plymouth Photo Contest begins July 1, and photographers of all levels may submit their best shots.

Top photos receive prizes and have a chance to be published in Plymouth News and Plymouth Magazine, which co-sponsors the contest with the City of Plymouth.

All photo entries must be submitted digitally via plymouthmag.com from July 1-Aug. 31.



Last year's Overall Winner was "Blade of Sunset at Plymouth Community Center Walking Track" by Cathy Milostan.

Each entrant must live, work or attend school in Plymouth and photos must be taken in Plymouth from Sept. 1, 2024 to Aug. 31, 2025. After the contest closes, visit plymouthmag.com to vote for the Readers' Choice winner. For contest rules, visit plymouthmag.com.

Used Oil Drop-Off at the Maintenance Facility – A free, 24-hour drop-off site for used motor oil, antifreeze and oil filters is available at the Plymouth Maintenance Facility, 14900 23rd Ave. N., adjacent to the fuel pumps.

Do not leave empty containers. Residents using the site should read and follow all posted instructions to prevent contamination. The city's vendor, East Side Oil, provides reprocessing that turns the waste product into fuel for heaters and asphalt plants.

Plymouth Environmental Academy – Those interested in learning more about their environmental footprint may sign up for the Plymouth Environmental Academy, which returns for its fifth year.

The program is an initiative of the city's Environmental Quality Committee. The academy is held August through October and will focus on a variety of environmental topics.

The Plymouth Environmental Academy is free and open to everyone – but participants must fill out an application to attend.

To apply, visit plymouthmn.gov/environmentalacademy. Applications are due Friday, Aug. 15.

Red Roof Inn – The City of Plymouth is set to demolish a vacant hotel – The Red Roof Inn – paving way for a new mixed-use transit development in the city.

The city purchased the site in March 2025 and, at press time, the hotel was slated for demolition in late June or early July.

The city plans to transform the site into a transit-focused development due to its desirable location at the intersection of Highway 55 and Interstate 494.

HAPPENINGS



Night to Unite is set for Tuesday, Aug. 5 in Plymouth.

Night to Unite – 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5 in Plymouth neighborhoods. An annual statewide get-to-know-the-neighbors initiative, Night to Unite is a community building event centered around crime prevention and strengthening neighborhood ties. Neighbors are encouraged to hold outdoor gatherings to get to know each other. They can be as simple as potluck dinners, ice cream socials or ordering carryout from a local restaurant. For details, visit plymouthmn.gov/ntu.

Alert Plymouth Test: A citywide test of the emergency notification system, Alert Plymouth, is set for 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5. Alert Plymouth can call, text and/or email residents in an emergency. Update contact information and sign up at plymouthmn.gov/alertplymouth.

Plymouth Farmers Market – 2-6 p.m. Wednesdays at Parkers Lake Playfield, 15500 County Road 6. A variety of local vendors sell fresh produce, prepared foods and handcrafted items. EBT accepted by some vendors. Sign up for a weekly e-newsletter and learn more at plymouthmn.gov/farmersmarket.

Summer Music – While most of the summer music opportunities listed below are free to attend, attendees may want to bring money for food and beverage purchases, as well as blankets or lawn chairs for seating.

- Hilde Nights: Rival 5 and The HYPE! 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, July 11 at the Hilde Performance Center, 3500 Plymouth Blvd. Free event. Rival 5 will take the stage at 6:30 p.m. to perform hits from the '70s and '80s, followed by The HYPE! at 8:30 p.m., singing favorites from Mötley Crüe, Def Leppard, Poison, Bon Jovi and Aerosmith.
- Live at the Hilde: Michael Franti & Spearhead 6:30 p.m. Sunday, July 27 at the Hilde Performance Center. A globally celebrated musician and filmmaker, Michael Franti has three Billboard No. 1 hits, including "Sound of Sunshine," "Say Hey (I Love You)" and "I Got You." Presented by Sue McLean and Associates in partnership with Mithun Productions, Live at the Hilde concerts help raise the profile of Plymouth as a place for live music. Purchase tickets and learn more at suemclean.com/hilde.
- Hilde Nights: Rumours: The Ultimate Fleetwood Mac Tribute Show – 6-9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15 at the Hilde Performance Center. Free event. Following opening activities at 6 p.m., Rumours: The Ultimate Fleetwood Mac Tribute Show will perform 7-9:30 p.m.
- Plymouth Rockers 7-8 p.m. Tuesday,
 Aug. 19 at the Plymouth Community Center's
 Millennium Garden, 14800 34th Ave. N. Free
 event. The Plymouth Rockers Performing
 Senior Chorus will entertain with a range of
 musical styles, including folk, Broadway,
 gospel and golden oldies.

Summer Beach Series: Beaches, Bands and Brews – 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8 at East Medicine Lake Park, 1740 E. Medicine Lake Blvd. Free beach event featuring a performance by the band Shirts and Skins. Food available for purchase from food trucks, with beverages available for purchase from Luce Line Brewing. Additional parking is available at West Medicine Lake Park, 1920 W. Medicine Lake Drive – follow signage and walk or bike 2 miles on the path connecting the two parks.

Register for fall activities, look for a 'golden leaf'

Registration for fall Parks and Recreation activities begins:

- Plymouth residents: Wednesday, July 16 6 a.m. online or 10 a.m. on the phone/in person
- Nonresidents: Wednesday, July 23 6 a.m. online or 10 a.m. on the phone/in person
- Swimming registration for all: Wednesday, July 16 6 a.m. online or 10 a.m. on the phone/in person

A select number of this year's fall Parks and Recreation Activities Guides are set to feature a "golden leaf" inside, redeemable for a \$100 gift card for Plymouth Parks and Recreation program registration.

The guide is expected to arrive in mailboxes late June, and community members are encouraged to look inside for a winning golden leaf. View the guide online and register at plymouthmn.gov/recguide.



Look for a "golden leaf" inside copies of the fall Parks and Recreation Activities Guide redeemable for a \$100 gift card.

Smart Tree Inventory scanning begins in July

Scanning of public trees citywide, specifically those within the boulevards and rights-of-way, is slated to begin in late-July as part of the city's Smart Tree Inventory project.

Smart Tree Inventory utilizes artificial intelligence and LiDAR, laser pulses that measure distances and create high-resolution 3D maps, to take a digital inventory of all public trees in the city.

Expected to take about two weeks to complete, scanning will involve crews traveling around Plymouth in vehicles mounted with sensors that detect and analyze tree size, condition, canopy volume and health. The software will provide assessments, including eco-benefits, and allow city staff to compare data over time to measure tree growth and other changes.

In partnership with Davey Resource Group and Greehill, Smart Tree Inventory helps preserve trees, maintain property values and diversify the city's urban forest.

Postal Customer



Tree scanning will involve crews traveling around Plymouth in vehicles mounted with sensors that detect and analyze tree size, condition and more, Photo Credit: Greehill

For more information about Smart Tree Inventory, call City Forester Paul Buck at 763-509-5944.

SEASONAL SPOTLIGHT



Outdoor water use restrictions are in effect from May through September in Plymouth.

Outdoor Water Use Restrictions - Outdoor water use restrictions are in effect from May through September for all city water customers.

Plymouth prohibits outdoor lawn watering from noon to 5 p.m. on all days. Residents and businesses must also follow an odd-even schedule when sprinkling lawns – addresses ending in an odd number may water on odd-numbered calendar days, while addresses ending in an even number may water on evennumbered days. Automatic irrigation systems should be adjusted accordingly.

For details and exceptions, call the hotline at 763-509-5512 or visit plymouthmn.gov/watering.

Yard Waste Site Hours - The city-operated Yard Waste Site, 14900 23rd Ave. N., is open 3-8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.

Hours of operation change in September. The site is closed Mondays and Tuesdays throughout the season. Only Plymouth, Wayzata, Long Lake and Medicine Lake residents may use the site.

Identification is required. For details, visit plymouthmn.gov/yardwaste or call 763-509-5930.

Remembering Police Chief Mike Goldstein By Mayor Jeff Wosje

Our community lost a remarkable leader and friend with the unexpected passing of retired Public Safety Director/Police Chief Mike Goldstein on May 20. His legacy is one of unwavering service, deep compassion and profound impact. Mike retired in 2021 following a landmark career in Plymouth that spanned more than



Mike Goldstein

three decades. Raised in Plymouth, he devoted nearly his entire professional life to the city. Mike joined Plymouth's first class of Police Explorers as a high schooler in 1984, and went on to be a part of the first group of Plymouth Police Reserves. In 1990, Mike was hired as a full-time sworn officer with the Plymouth Police Department. He was promoted to sergeant in 1994, lieutenant in 2001, captain in 2003, police chief in 2004 and was named the city's public safety director in 2015, when the Police and Fire departments joined under one umbrella.

His leadership shaped our approach to public safety and strengthened community trust. Under his guidance, Plymouth became a statewide leader in emergency operations planning, prioritizing officer mental health and wellness, and community-oriented policing. Mike led with integrity, humility and heart. He was a true servant-leader who ensured those around him felt seen, valued and respected.

Mike had a gift for connection. Whether visiting neighborhoods during Night to Unite, meeting with community groups, mentoring staff, or collaborating with fellow chiefs, he built lasting relationships. His calm, peoplefirst approach brought stability and clarity during difficult moments. His strong leadership earned him statewide recognition and respect. Beyond the badge, Mike was a devoted husband, father, son, brother and friend. We mourn his loss alongside his family, colleagues and many others who were lucky enough to know him. Mike made us better, and his legacy lives on through the lives he touched. We are grateful for his service, and we will miss him dearly.

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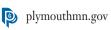
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Planning Commission: July 16 and Aug. 6, 20

Housing and Redevelopment Authority: July 24 and Aug. 28

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